



AFN CONVENTION 2010
OCTOBER 21-23 FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

VILLAGE SURVIVAL!



President Julie Kitka Chair Albert Kookesh

VILLAGE SURVIVAL! EXHIBIT



Don't miss this new exhibit featuring real images of our communities, families, priorities and traditions.

The 2010 AFN Village Survival! Exhibit features the work of Native photographers from across the state. Participants share images of what this year's Convention theme, "Village Survival!," means to them.

Come see these fascinating photographs of your community on display throughout Convention on the second floor concourse of the Carlson Center.

We've included photos from the Exhibit throughout this Guide. Look for the photographers' names and hometowns in the photo credits.

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(left column)*

Patricia K. Yaska
Chuathbaluk, Alaska

Charles T. Olin
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Kimberly Susan Carte
Nome, Alaska

Julianna Anelon
Liamna, Alaska

Ginger Marks
Tanana, Alaska

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Greg Lincoln
Bethel, Alaska

Misty Nielsen
Dillingham, Alaska

Misty Dawn Nelson
Chevak, Alaska

Photos (above, left-right)

Sandi Echuck, Togiak

Priscilla Yaska, Chuathbaluk

Deborah Plessinger, Anchorage

Misty Nielsen, Dillingham

Kay Andrews, Aleknagik

(opposite page)

Bridget Edwardsen, Barrow

Welcome!

The year since our last Convention has been an eventful one. We have encountered many new opportunities and faced many new challenges. We have lost dear friends and formed new relationships. Through all of this year's ups and downs, we have been reminded that it is our people who sustain us and carry on our way of life into the future.

At this year's Convention, we honor our people, our communities and our survival. This annual gathering is not just about the intellectual and political pursuit of our collective priorities. This event is about our members. This year's Convention theme, "Village Survival!" is a bold declaration of our resilience, and an invitation to explore all that "Village Survival" means to our people.

We celebrate and honor village life with the Village Survival! Exhibit on display on the second floor concourse, and throughout this year's Convention materials and visuals. We seek new inspiration and opportunities with our Fab Lab demonstration in front of the Carlson Center. We encourage our membership to share and explore new ideas through numerous panels dedicated to different aspects of "Village Survival!" throughout our planned proceedings.

We will invite all of our Convention participants, members and observers alike, to explore the challenges and opportunities that have emerged this year. We hope you will join us in reexamining some of the big issues that have defined 2010 – defense of our subsistence way of life, revisioning of Native contracting relationships with the Federal government, and the ongoing pursuit of better education and healthcare for our people.

Best wishes for an inspiring Convention and a safe trip home–

Julie Kitka, AFN *President*



AGENDA



Morning Session • Thursday, October 21

- 8:00 AM Welcoming Dance Group** Tanana Traditional Dancers
- 8:30 AM Call to Order** AFN Chair Albert Kookesh
- 8:35 AM Grand Opening Ceremony** Entrance Procession of Interior Delegates
Processional Fairbanks Native Association, JOM Potlatch Dancers
First Traditional Chief Don Honea, Sr., Ruby
Second Traditional Chief Chief Trimble Gilbert, Arctic Village
Introductions Norm Phillips, Doyon Limited; Jerry Isaac, Tanana Chiefs Conference;
Steve Ginnis, Fairbanks Native Association; Cathi Ipalook, Denakkanaaga Elders Organization;
Irene Catalone, Interior Regional Housing Authority
Invocation Reverend Anna Frank, Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
Posting of Colors Honor Guard Alaska Native Veterans Association
National Anthem Donielle Carroll, Fort Yukon
Introduction of Parliamentarian Patrick Anderson
Introduction of the Sergeant at Arms
- 9:15 AM Welcome Remarks**
Honorable Luke Hopkins, Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough
Honorable Jerry Cleworth, Mayor, City of Fairbanks
Honorable Douglas Isaacson, Mayor, City of North Pole
- 9:30 AM Governor's Address** Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska
- 9:50 AM AFN President's Report** Julie Kitka
- 10:05 AM Address** Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative
- 10:25 AM Keynote Address** Gloria O'Neill, President & CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- 10:50 AM Announcement of 2010 AFN Citizen of the Year and 2010 Denali Awards**
AFN Chair Albert Kookesh
- 11:05 AM Report from First Alaskans Elders/Youth Conference**
Janie Leask, President, First Alaskans Institute
- 11:20 AM Special Guest Speaker** Jackie Johnson Pata, Executive Director,
National Congress of American Indians
- 11:35 AM Special Guest Speaker** Aqqaluk Lyngø, Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Conference
- 11:45 AM TBA**
- 12:00 NOON Recess for Lunch**



Photos (top to bottom)
Melanie Sagoonick, Unalakleet
Lavern L. Huntington, Fairbanks

AGENDA

Afternoon Session • Thursday, October 21

1:00 PM Tagiugmiut Dancers, Barrow

1:30 PM **Call to Order** AFN Chair Albert Kookesh

Announcements—Recognition of Major Sponsors

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation

Chugach Alaska Corporation

Doyon Family of Companies

NANA Regional Corporation-Teck Alaska-Red Dog Mine

GCI

Denali Commission

Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

Wells Fargo

Shell Production and Exploration Company

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Tyonek Native Corporation

Preliminary Credentials Report to the Floor

Nominations for AFN Chairperson(s)

1:35 PM **The Role of Education in the Empowerment of a People**

Special Guest Speaker Dr. Graham Smith, President/CEO, Maori University

1:50 PM **Alaska State Legislature, Bush Caucus report** Representative Reggie Joule, Chair

2:05 PM **Address** Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senate

2:25 PM **Special Guest Speaker** Byron Mallott, Senior Policy Fellow, First Alaskans Institute

2:45 PM **"Village Survival!" Why It Matters & What Can We Do!**

Guest Speaker Senator Georgianna Lincoln, Alaska State Legislature (Retired)

3:00 PM **Convention Discussion on "Village Survival!"**

Moderators Ed Thomas, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Sheri Buretta, Chugach Alaska Corporation; and Others

5:00 PM **Recess for the Day**



Photos (top to bottom)

Bertha Black, Kongiganak

Angela M. Bourdukofsky, Anchorage

AGENDA

Morning Session • Friday, October 22

8:00 AM Kinguliamta Yuarartait, Chevak

9:00 AM **Call to Order** AFN Chair Albert Kookesh
Announcements

9:05 AM **"Village Survival!" How Can We Use Federal Policy to Support Village Economies?**

Guest Speaker Dr. Rosita Worl, President/CEO, Sealaska Heritage Institute

9:15 AM **Strategies for Protecting Federal Programs—Federal Budget Cuts**

Guest Speakers

Gloria O'Neill, President & CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council

Edward Thomas, President, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

9:30 AM **Strategies for Protecting Native 8(a) and Access to Government Contracting**

Guest Speakers

Sarah Lukin, Native American Contractors Association

Jackie Johnson, National Congress of American Indians

Greg Razo, Cook Inlet Region Inc.

10:00 AM **Special Guest Speaker** Assistant Secretary Larry Echohawk,
Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

10:15 AM **"Village Survival!" and Affordable Energy**

Guest Speaker Ralph Andersen, Bristol Bay Native Association

10:25 AM **"Village Survival!" Health and Wellness**

Guest Speakers

Bill Martin, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Dr. Bert Boyer, Acting Director, Center for Alaska Native Health Research

Andy Teuber, Chair, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

11:00 AM **Convention Discussion on "Village Survival!"**

Moderators

Hugh Short, Alaska Growth Capitol

Elizabeth Medicine-Crow, First Alaskans Institute

12:00 NOON **Recess for Lunch**



AGENDA

Afternoon Session • Friday, October 22

1:00 PM Call to Order AFN Chair Albert Kookesh
Announcements

Final Credentials Report
Chair & Committee Representatives

1:10 PM Address Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senate

1:30 PM Denali Commission Joel Neimeyer, Federal Co-Chair

1:40 PM AFN Subsistence Report Myron Naneng,
President, Association of Village Council Presidents
Introduction of New Federal Subsistence Board Chair Tim Towarak

2:00 PM Convention Discussion on Subsistence
Moderators **Mike Smith**, Tanana Chiefs Conference and Others

3:00 PM Candidate Forum(s)
U.S. Senate Candidates
Candidates for Governor

5:00 PM Recess for the Day



AGENDA



Morning Session • Saturday, October 23

8:30 AM Down River Singers, Nulato

9:00 AM **Call to Order** AFN Chair Albert Kookesh
Announcements

9:05 AM **Guest Speaker** Matt Carle, Manager of External Affairs,
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

9:15 AM **2009 AFN Convention Resolution Follow-up** Julie Kitka, AFN President

9:30 AM **AFN Resolutions Report and Convention Actions**
Trefon Angasan, Chair & AFN Resolutions Committee

12:00 NOON **Recess for Lunch**

Afternoon Session • Saturday, October 23

1:00 PM **Call to Order** AFN Chair Albert Kookesh

1:05 PM **AFN Leadership Committee report** Tara Sweeney, Committee Chair

1:20 PM **Election of AFN Chair or Co-Chairs**

1:30 PM **Special Tribute to U.S. Senator Ted Stevens**

AFN President's Awards Presentation

Culture Bearer

Della Keats "Healing Hands"

Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education

Elder of the Year

Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement
Health

Hunter-Fisher

Lu Young Youth Leadership

Parents of the Year

Public Service

Roger Lang Youth Leadership
Small Business



2:45 PM **Announcement of Newly Elected AFN Village Board Members**

2:50 PM **Benediction**

3:00 PM **Closing Dance performance** Kaktovik Dancers, Barter Island

3:30 PM **Adjournment**

6:00 PM **AFN Reception**

7:00 PM **AFN Banquet**



Photos (top to bottom)
Betty Griffin, Fairbanks
Charles T. Olin, Kotzebue
Priscilla Yaska, Chuathbaluk

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Gloria O'Neill



Gloria O'Neill has served for more than a decade as the President and CEO of Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC), a nonprofit social service agency (annual budget \$40+ million; 250+ employees) serving Alaska Native and American Indian residents of Anchorage, Alaska.

Ms. O'Neill is originally from Soldotna, Alaska and is of Yupik and Irish descent. Ms. O'Neill earned her Master of Business Administration degree from Alaska Pacific University and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, with a

Minor in Business Administration. She is active in the community and currently serves as a Board member for the Anchorage Museum, Anchorage Community Land Trust, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Chanlyut, Inc., the Alaska Federation of Natives, and the National CASA Association.

In 1998, she was recognized as one of the "Top Forty Under 40" by the Alaska Journal of Commerce, for her commitment to the community and demonstrated professional excellence. In 2004, she received the Woman of Achievement award from British Petroleum/Anchorage YMCA. At the national level, Ms. O'Neill serves on the National Tribal Budget Advisory Council of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and on the American Indian, Alaska Native on Race and Ethnicity Advisory Committee of the U.S. Census Bureau.



FAB LAB

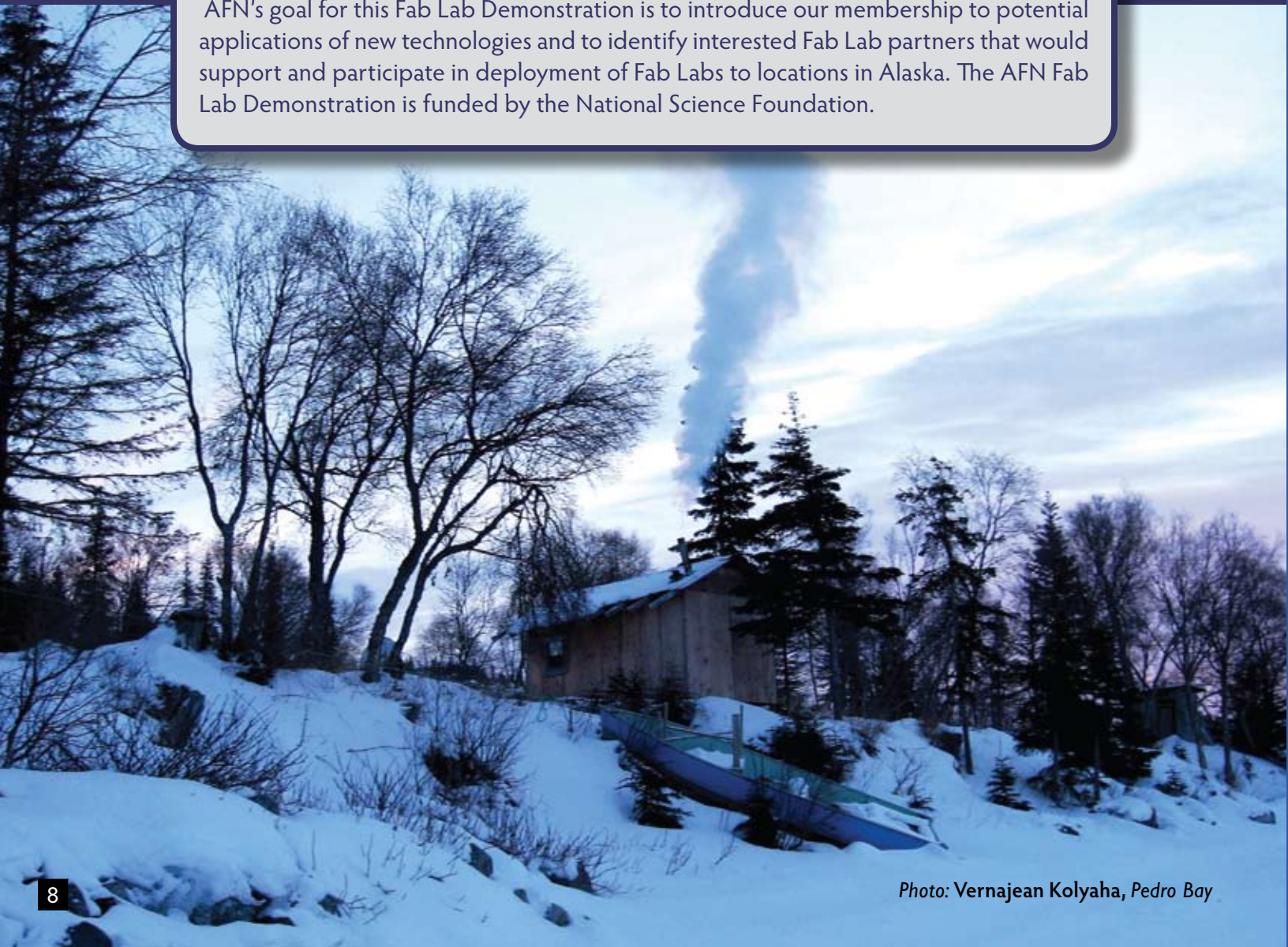


Visit AFN's Fab Lab Demonstration in the event tent just outside the Carlson Center during Convention to see for yourself how technology, collaboration and ingenuity intersect to create a whole new world of possibility!

Thursday through Saturday, staff and volunteers from the *Institute for Computing in Humanities, Arts, and Social Science* at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the *Champaign-Urbana Community Fab Lab*, and the *South End Technology Center* in Boston will collaborate with Fairbanks students from *Effie Kokrine Charter School* to learn, experiment, develop and "fabricate" projects in their own "Fabrication Laboratory."

A Fab Lab (fabrication laboratory) is a small-scale workshop with an array of computer controlled tools that cover several different length scales and various materials, with the aim to make "almost anything" and is typically connected with a worldwide Fab Lab network, allowing participants to collaborate with one another.

AFN's goal for this Fab Lab Demonstration is to introduce our membership to potential applications of new technologies and to identify interested Fab Lab partners that would support and participate in deployment of Fab Labs to locations in Alaska. The AFN Fab Lab Demonstration is funded by the National Science Foundation.





AFN 2010

CONVENTION EVENTS

Carlson Center
Fairbanks

Quyana Alaska

QUYANA I
October 21
7 pm to 10 pm

QUYANA II
October 22
7 pm to 10 pm

Arts & Crafts Show

October 21-22
8 am to 11 pm

October 23
8 am to 4 pm

AFN Banquet

October 23
Reception 6 pm

Dinner &
Entertainment
7 pm

ANNOUNCING ALASKA MARKETPLACE V!

ALASKA MARKETPLACE



Investing in Alaska's Best Ideas

Don't miss this chance to turn your ideas into action and address the most pressing issues affecting rural Alaska today!

Alaska Marketplace V is about "Planting Seeds of Change!"

Applicants will be asked to submit ideas in the following 5 categories:

< Emerging Technology >

Practical use of new technology to create village enterprises, such as use of cell phones or digital media.

< Education & Development >

Innovative ideas to encourage life-long learning and enable people to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

< Health & Well-Being >

New and inventive plans to support the physical and mental health of Rural Alaska residents.

< Land, Natural Resources & the Environment >

Innovative ways to implement affordable, alternative energy sources, and sustainably reap the fruits of our land and natural resources.

< Youth & Children >

Fresh, pragmatic ideas from and/or for those under age 25 about fostering economic development, strengthening communities and improving the quality of life in Rural Alaska.

Find out more at www.alaskamarketplace.org.



President's Awards



DELLA KEATS "HEALING HANDS"

Nina Ahkpuk

Nina Ahkpuk was adopted out of Selawik to Jessie Hadley of Buckland. Nina is the tribal doctor at the Kotzebue Senior Citizens' Cultural Center. Her specialty is the abdominal area, assisting people with pain. Nina sets up tribal doctor tables at gatherings around the state, providing care to those who request it for no fee. In 2002, she trained under August Nelson, Sr. and Truman Cleveland, who are well-known tribal doctors. She understands that the Inupiat people have several food intolerances, such as milk and eggs, and frequently have abdominal issues. Nina makes it her priority to learn about the human abdominal areas. Currently, people will wait in line to see Nina at the Senior Center. She is very family oriented and always pays close attention when elders offer advice or training regarding the body. She feels that being an Inupiat Doctor is an integral part of the Inupiat culture.

DELLA KEATS "HEALING HANDS"

Named for the late Dr. Della Keats, an Inupiaq healer who served the health care needs as a tribal healer within the Northwest Alaska area for over 50 years. This award recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity as a tribal healer or health care provider whose accomplishments have most directly affected Native people in their home communities.

NOMINEES

Lisa Dolchok, Anchorage
Pat "Juney" Mullan, Soldotna
Marian Okitkun, Anchorage



Photo: Kay D. Simmons, Sitka



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CULTURE BEARER

Virginia Pete

Virginia Pete grew up at Dry Creek and moved to Tazlina, Alaska after the United States Army forced the village to move from Dry Creek. She is an 80-year-old Ahtna Athabascan woman, who is an integral part of teaching the Ahtna language and culture. Virginia has taught the Ahtna language since the 1970's and continues to be a language consultant for the Ahtna Hertiage Foundation in Glennallen. She, along with other Ahtna elders, assisted Dr. James Kari in writing the Ahtna Dictionary, which was published in 1990. She was a bilingual teacher for the Copper River School District in the 1980's teaching language and sewing. She continues to assist Siri Tuttle in conducting Ahtna language classes at the Prince William Community College. She also attends Ahtna culture camps to teach customary and traditional fish cutting, language and telling stories. She is an integral part of the preservation of Ahtna language and culture.



CULTURE BEARER

Recognizes an Alaska Native who demonstrates strong involvement in the arts. Individuals nominated for this award may be involved in theater, music, dance, painting, sculpture, and storytelling. This award can also recognize an artist, an arts administrator, or a preserver of Native culture.

NOMINEES

Wesley Aiken, *Barrow*
Nick Andrew, Sr., *Marshall*
Sylvester Ayek, *Nome*
Mildred Black, *Shungnak*
Mary Lou Bottorff, *Kenai*
Ruth Demmert, *Kake*
Edward Gamble, Sr., *Angoon*,
Mary Haakanson, *Shearwater Bay*
Susan Paskvan, *Fairbanks*
Teri Rofkar, *Sitka*
Alan Zuboff, *Angoon*

Photo: Frederick Otilius Olsen Jr., *Kasaan*



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HUNTER-FISHER

Raymond Lee, Jr.

Raymond Lee, Jr. is from Buckland, Alaska. He is a skilled hunter, and loves to subsistence hunt. He provides food for elders in the community and especially for the widows. The people of Buckland call him to ask about hunting areas because he is so familiar with the hunting grounds. He teaches youth about subsistence hunting and fishing, and spends significant time by showing the youth the travel routes for hunting. He hunts with the seasons and never misses a time of year for hunting or gathering from the land.



HUNTER-FISHER

Recognizes an Alaska Native who exemplifies and preserves the spirit of successful subsistence hunting, trapping and sharing, and our way of life. Nominees must acknowledge and ensure that the next generations of providers will carry on the traditions and customs in harmony and peace to sustain their extended families.

NOMINEES

Travis Nelson, Kodiak

Chief Paul Williams, Sr., Fairbanks



Photo: Jana Harcharek, Barrow



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ROGER LANG YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Brett Kirk

Brett Kirk is a youth leader in the village of Noatak. He is currently in the 11th grade, attending Napaaqtumuit School. He is the captain of the Youth Leadership Team based in Kotzebue. As a high school student, he is not “too cool” to participate with Elders. He has commented, “I love hearing elders sing, it’s so special.” He does so much for the community, from circulating “tobacco free” posters and purell anti-bacterial wipes during the Swine Flu epidemic, to helping Elders by chopping wood and hauling water without being asked to do so. He also hunts for people he knows don’t have a hunter in their family. At a very young age, he would watch and learn from his dad, who taught him how to run a broiler, chop wood, hunt and help his mom in the kitchen. His teachers say that he works hard in school and many students look up to him and want to follow in his footsteps.



NOMINEES

Adrienne Beans, *Mountain Village*

Cherise Beatus, *Fairbanks*

Puyuk Joule, *Anchorage*

Rebecca Pruitt, *Kodiak*

Peter Paul Squartsoff, *Port Lions*

Charles Peter Yaska, *Fairbanks*

ROGER LANG YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Named for the late Roger Lang former AFN President, who encouraged young people to expand their horizons and challenge themselves to become future leaders. Nominees must be young men of high school age or students in college, who demonstrates leadership qualities.





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SMALL BUSINESS

Ivan Lukin

Ivan Lukin was raised in Afognak and Port Lions on Kodiak Island. Ivan has spent much of his adult life as a self-employed commercial fisherman and is well-known in the Kodiak region. In 2005, he established his own fishing charter business—Aleut Dance Charters—with his wife Kathy by his side. Between the two of them, Ivan and Kathy have six children, 14 grandchildren, and 4 great-grand children. Over the years, Ivan has been one of the most thoughtful and innovative small business fishing charter and bed and breakfast owners around, utilizing a lifetime of subsistence and commercial fishing knowledge. Ivan used traditional Alaska Native barter methods to build much of his business. Most of all, he is known as a great teacher and mentor to the young men in the village. Ivan's great work ethic, love for his home, and dedication to his people made him the ideal individual to host Karen Mils, the Small Business Administrator, and her key staff, during their recent visit to Port Lions. Ivan shared how he used scholarships from his Native Corporation to secure his Coast Guard License, dividends from his Native Corporation to purchase a new charter boat, and how he uses the money he earns from his small business to maintain his subsistence way of life. His story was a perfect example of how the SBA 8(a) program is changing the lives of Alaska Native shareholders.

SMALL BUSINESS

Recognizes an Alaska Native business owner or manager who has demonstrated success in business as with a commitment to their community, which has improved economic opportunities for Alaska Natives.

NOMINEES

Aguchak's Merchantile/Poolhall ,
Scammon Bay

Pauline Morris, Noorvik

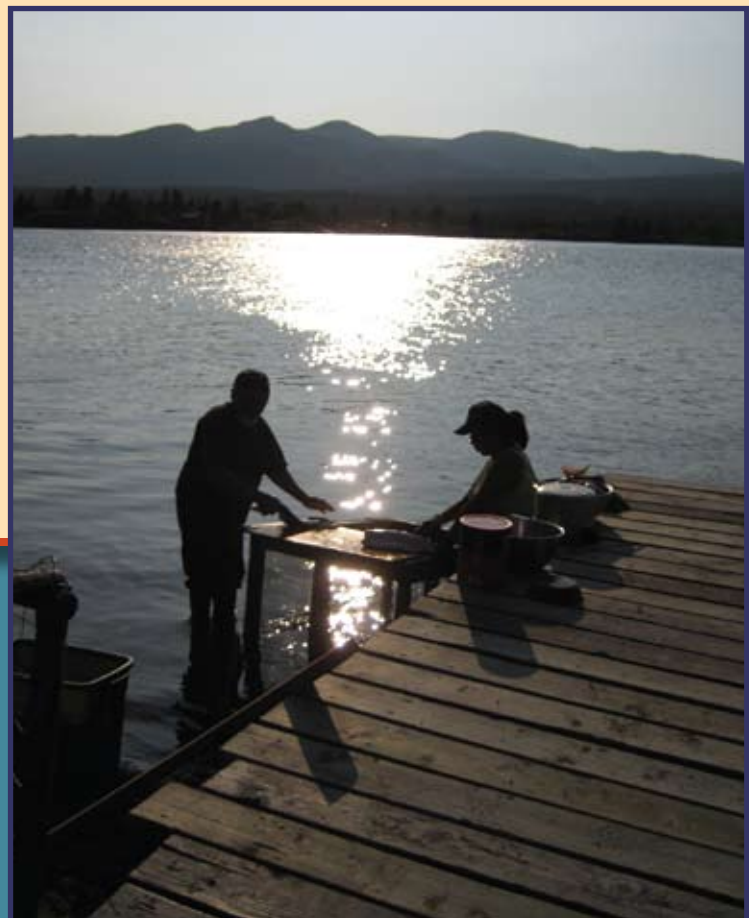


Photo: Iris Johnson, Anchorage



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HEALTH

Stella Krumrey

Stella Krumrey was born in Old Harbor. She is the daughter of Nina and the late Anakanti Zeeder. She did not learn how to speak English until she was about 7 years old, when her family traveled from Kaguyak to Old Harbor during the school year. She grew up with her village traditional healer, Uliana Ashowak, where she observed traditional Native healing. Stella is involved with the community of Old Harbor in a variety of ways. She focuses on preventive health and on people's well-being before they encounter major health concerns. She is an advocate for elders, and all community members alike, and she keeps them up-to-date on medication and makes sure they travel for doctor appointments. In addition, she keeps the clinic organized and well maintained. She also helps with healthy activities through the cultural center with youth. Alutiiq culture, language and arts are instrumental to promoting Alaska Natives' health, and Stella is a key person in our community to promote health.

NOMINEES

Katherine Gottlieb, *Anchorage*
Grace Kirk, *Kotzebue*

HEALTH

Recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the health fields, whose accomplishments have improved health care for Alaska Natives. Nominees may be involved in the areas of health advocacy, program administration, and professional care and in the health professions.



Photo: Ginger Marks, Tanana



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ELDER OF THE YEAR—CO-WINNERS

Matrona (Munchaq) Javier



Matrona (Munchaq) Javier of Clarks Point, Alaska, was born on December 24, 1920 in the Bethel region. She has been a resident of Bristol Bay for the last 70 years. She was a successful commercial fisherwoman in her hometown of Clark's Point for more than 40 years. She has been a tireless advocate of Yup'ik language and cultural revitalization through her efforts as a bilingual teacher, translator and mentor. She continues to teach the making of qaspeqs, grass baskets and other Yup'ik arts and crafts. She has truly lived a life of integrity, generosity, kindness, understanding and respect for culture and ancestors, all with a great sense of humor.

John Pestrikoff

John (JP) Pestrikoff has spent his lifetime practicing and teaching the Alutiiq way of life. JP was born August 29, 1910 in Ouzinkie, Alaska to Peter and Christina Pestrikoff. With turning 100 years this year, he holds a tremendous amount of traditional knowledge that he has shared in countless ways. With our Alutiiq language being on the verge of extinction, JP has played an instrumental role in the Alutiiq Museum's Language Program as a master speaker. He spent many hours providing the correct pronunciation and meaning of the majority of the Alutiiq words to the Program. JP is a highly respected member of the community for his continued dedication in preserving traditions and the Alutiiq language, and ensuring that they are passed down from generation to generation.

ELDER OF THE YEAR

Recognizes an Alaska Native Elder who exemplifies the highest of values and qualities important to Native people. This individual is recognized as a leader, an educator and preserver of the Native culture whose contributions have benefited Native peoples throughout his/her life.

NOMINEES

Lucy Adams, *Kivalina*
Roger Atoruk, *Kiana*
Mildred "Uluqsik" Black, *Shungnak*
Alice Carroll, *Fort Yukon*
Merlin Koonooka, *Gambell*
Marie Matsuno Nash, *Anchorage*
Warren Matumeak, *Barrow*
Alvin Owletuck, Sr., *Marshall*
John Phillip, Sr., *Kongiganak*
Josephine Roberts, *Tanana*
Harry Wilde, *Mountain Village*
Frank Williams, Jr., *Redmond*



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PARENTS OF THE YEAR

Billy and Alice Rivers

Billy and Alice Rivers have been a licensed foster home since June 21, 2020. They have fostered 24 children in state custody over the past 8 years. Billy and Alice have been residents of Scammon Bay for many decades. This family has been a tremendous help to the people of Scammon Bay and the surrounding villages by fostering a variety of children and young adults from families in need. They have encouraged and supported these children by showing and teaching them Yupik cultural values, ideals, way of life, and subsistence hunting/gathering methods; without this core, they would not have been successful. Billy and Alice have a large family, but found time and put in the effort to help other families. They have seen children of their own and adopted an additional nine children, six of whom were foster children. This past year, they have fostered a number of children. Without their help, families would not have had the opportunity to see their children on a regular basis. With warm and welcoming hearts, the Rivers family has opened their door and family home to struggling families in need of aid.

NOMINEES

Tim & Frederica Gavin, *Buckland*

Steve & Zoe Ivanoff, *Unalakleet*

John & Roberta Littlefield, *Sitka*

David & Susan Olsen, *Kodiak*

David & Teresa Ulroan, *Chevak*

PARENTS OF THE YEAR

Recognizes Alaska Native parents who exhibit many of the qualities and values important to the continued physical, social and cultural survival of Native people. These values may include sharing and teaching of Native culture, love of children, respect for Elders, spirituality, cooperation, and responsibility and involvement in the community.



Photo: Angela M. Bourdukofsky, Anchorage



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EILEEN PANIGEO MACLEAN EDUCATION

MaryJane (Anuqsraaq, Little Wind) Litchard

MaryJane (Anuqsraaq–Little Wind) Litchard was born in Kotzebue and spent her early childhood in Lost River and Teller. In her blended family, MaryJane shares 18 brothers and sisters, and many relatives throughout Alaska and the U.S. In an effort to further her education and become a role model for her own



six children, MaryJane pursued her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. For over 20 years, she has been an advocate for adult education, and has taught of adult education around the state. In her community, she presents innovative teaching methods. Her holistic approach to learning includes repetition, nutrition, brain exercises, and a positive outlook. Over the years, she has contributed materials that help students achieve success in their studies, such as handouts on testing tips and math readiness. Her success in reaching students can be seen all over the region. About her philosophy, MaryJane says, "Use your life energy positively, apply yourself to your studies, and keep an eye on your journey." Her philosophy is echoed in the gratitude of many of her students, including one who wrote, "Your encouragement and guidance led me to get my GED; your inspiration will carry me even further."

NOMINEES

Nancy Douglas/Kathryn Eddy, *Sitka*
Sven Haakanson, Jr., *Old Harbor*
Lance "Qaluraq" Kramer, *Kotzebue*
Emily Roseberry, *Barrow*

EILEEN PANIGEO MACLEAN EDUCATION

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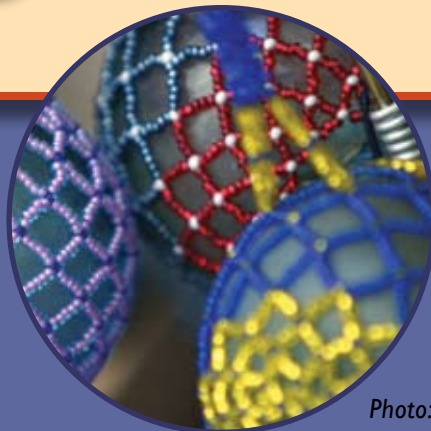


Photo: Elizabeth Zangenberg, La Puente, CA



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PUBLIC SERVICE

Shirley Moses



Shirley Moses was born in Nome, Alaska to Floyd & Martha Wheeler. She has 5 children: Christy, Martha, Greg, Jack, and Jason. She is a board member of Fairbanks Native Association and serves on Alaska Native Women's Coalition, Disability Abuse Response Team, Domestic Violence Task Force, and is a Sexual Assault Response Team Advocate. As a Native woman living in the village, she has observed and intervened in numerous domestic violence situations. Shirley is the Shelter Manager at Our Grandmother's House, and also an advocate for the sexual assault team in Fairbanks. She goes above and beyond what most advocates would do. She fights for the rights of all women who are abused, Native and non-

Native alike, to be treated with dignity in their dealings with law enforcement and the court system. She has continued to refuse a salary in her job as shelter manager, opting to put that money back in the shelter and saying, "Our women need the shelter."

NOMINEES

Luki Akelkok, Sr., *Ekwok*

Irene Anderson, *Nome*

Willie Goodwin, *Kotzebue*

Clarence Itta, *Barrow*

Clarence Jackson, Sr., *Kake*

Carl Eugene Moses, *Sand Point*

Gordon Pullar, *Fairbanks*

Harry Wilde, Sr., *Mountain Village*

PUBLIC SERVICE

Recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated dedication, competence and sensitivity in the area of public service. This award recognizes individuals who have promoted and assisted in the development of their community, or whose accomplishments and leadership qualities have most directly affected and benefited Native peoples.





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GLENN GODFREY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Eric Olsen

Eric Olsen resides in Kodiak, Alaska. He has been married to his wife for 20 years and together they have two daughters: Dori, 15; and Serena, 18. Eric's lifelong dream was to be involved in law enforcement. He has served in various degrees throughout his law enforcement career. His true calling and most fulfilling work began in 1997 when he transferred from Palmer to Kotzebue. As a rural Trooper and station pilot, Eric served 11 villages in the Northwest Arctic Region. In 2000, he transferred to Fairbanks to fly aircraft to villages throughout the interior. In 2003, he transferred back home to Kodiak. As a proud Alutiiq, he was not able to live and work in the place that he truly loved. Unfortunately, in 2005, he was a victim in a motor-vehicle accident, which ultimately ended his career. Five years later, he fondly remembers his time with the Alaska State Troopers, and having that extra desire to serve and care for the residents in rural Alaska.

NOMINEES

Nancy Douglas/Kathryn Eddy, *Sitka*
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Named for the late Glenn Godfrey, Colonel and Director of the Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Commissioner of Public Safety. This award recognizes an Alaska Native law enforcement officer (federal, state or local) who has shown outstanding dedication to the safety of the public in any location(s) within Alaska, often requiring heroic courage in the face of danger.



Photo: Kay D. Simmons, Sitka



President's Awards



LU YOUNG YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Cherise Beatus



Cherise Beatus was born in Fairbanks, Alaska to Barbara and the late Norman Beatus. Cherise has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in school and in her community. She is a very successful student at Effie Kokrine Charter School. In her junior year, she took advantage of the Early College Program and earned more than twenty credits toward her college degree. She plans to further her education by attending an Ivy League University. Cherise is an excellent role model and takes pride in her work, which is always high quality and completed on time. She continues to challenge herself with higher education and takes great pride in learning her Koyukon Athabascan language and culture. Cherise represents Native values by practicing respect for others, acting responsibly, working towards unity, learning her Native language and demonstrating humor, honesty and humility.

NOMINEES

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David & Teresa Ulroan, *Chevak*

LU YOUNG YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Named for the late Lou Young, who encouraged young people to expand their horizons and challenge themselves to become future leaders. Nominees must be young women of high school age or students in college, who demonstrates leadership qualities.



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